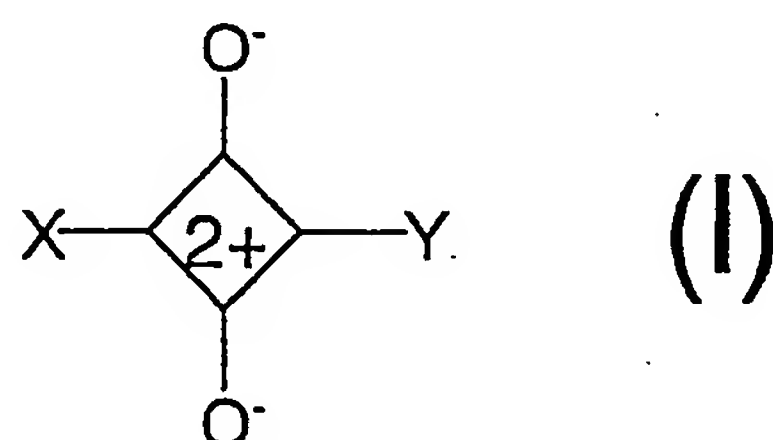
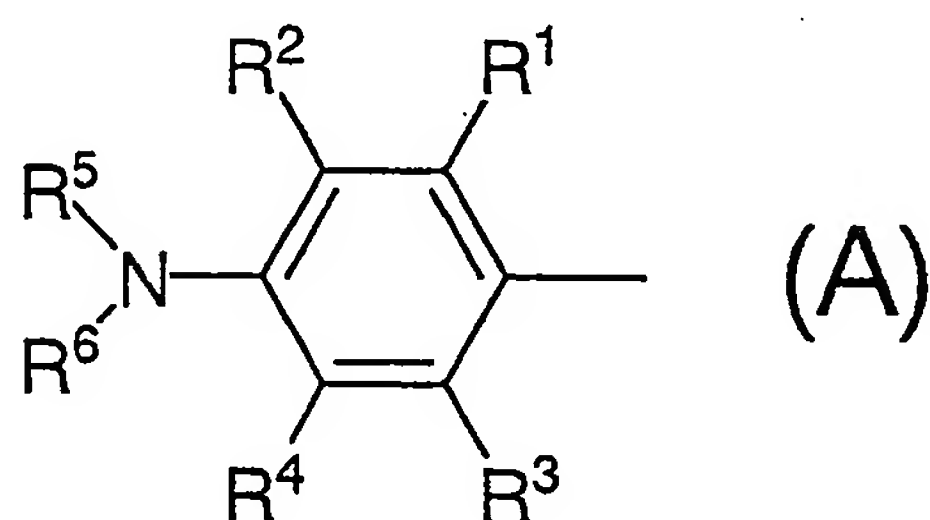


a.) Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by General Formula (I):



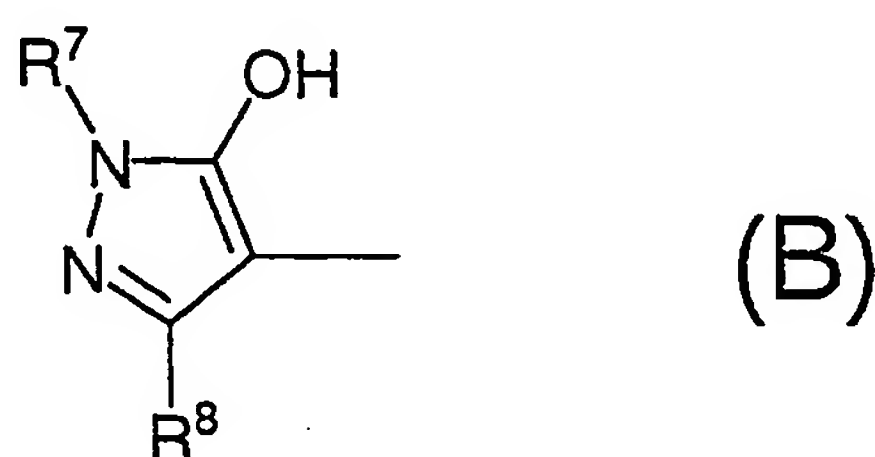
[wherein X represents a group represented by following Formula (A):



(wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> ~~may be the same or different and each represents~~ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, or R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> may be combined together with adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> ~~may be the same or different and each represents~~ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl

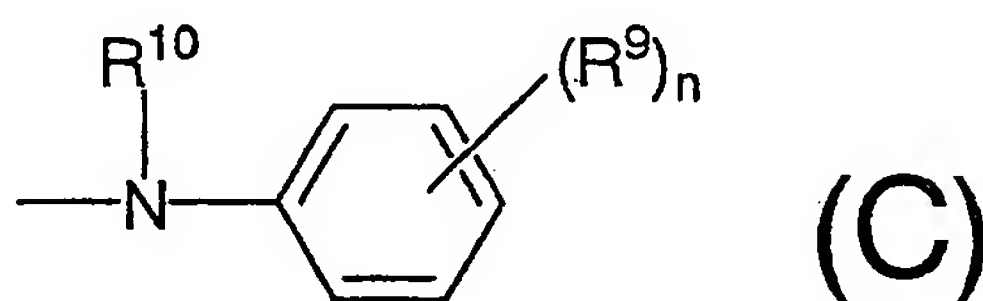
group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  may be combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s), or  $R^2$  and  $R^5$ , or  $R^4$  and  $R^6$  may be combined together with the adjacent N-C-C to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s)), or

X represents a group represented by following Formula (B):



(wherein  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  ~~may be the same or different and each represents~~ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)); and

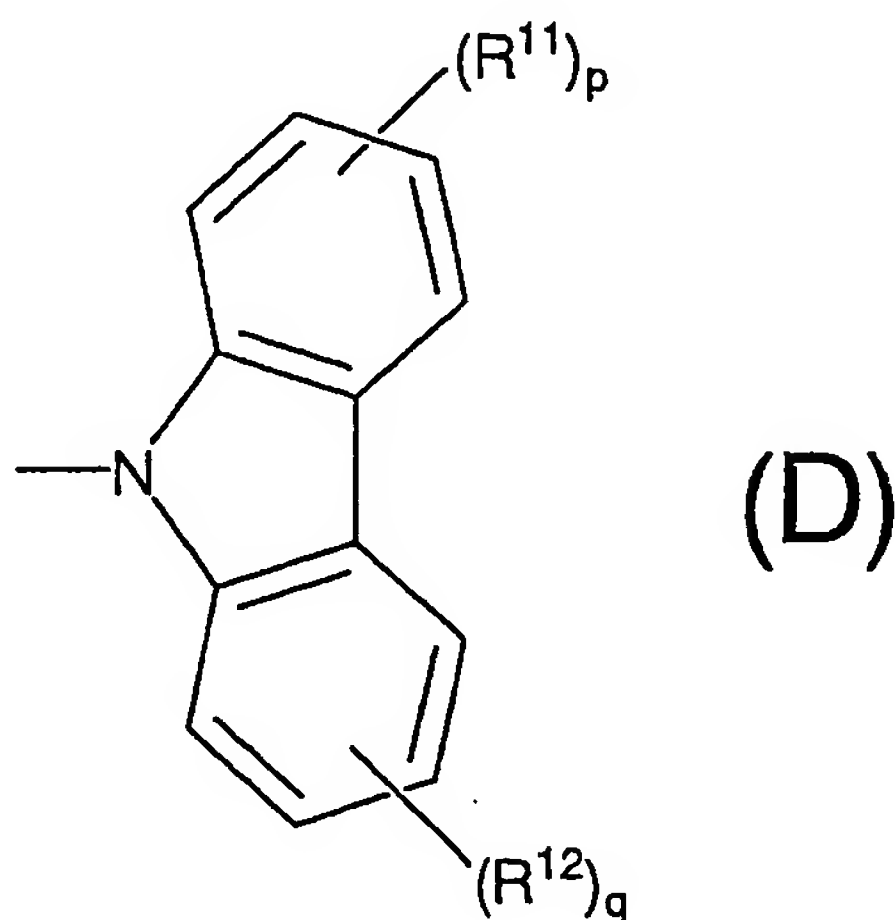
Y represents a group represented by following Formula (C):



(wherein  $R^9$  represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having

substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s),  $-N=N-R^{9A}$  (wherein  $R^{9A}$  represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); "n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective  $R^9$ 's may be the same or different, or further adjacent two  $R^9$ 's may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and  $R^{10}$  represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or

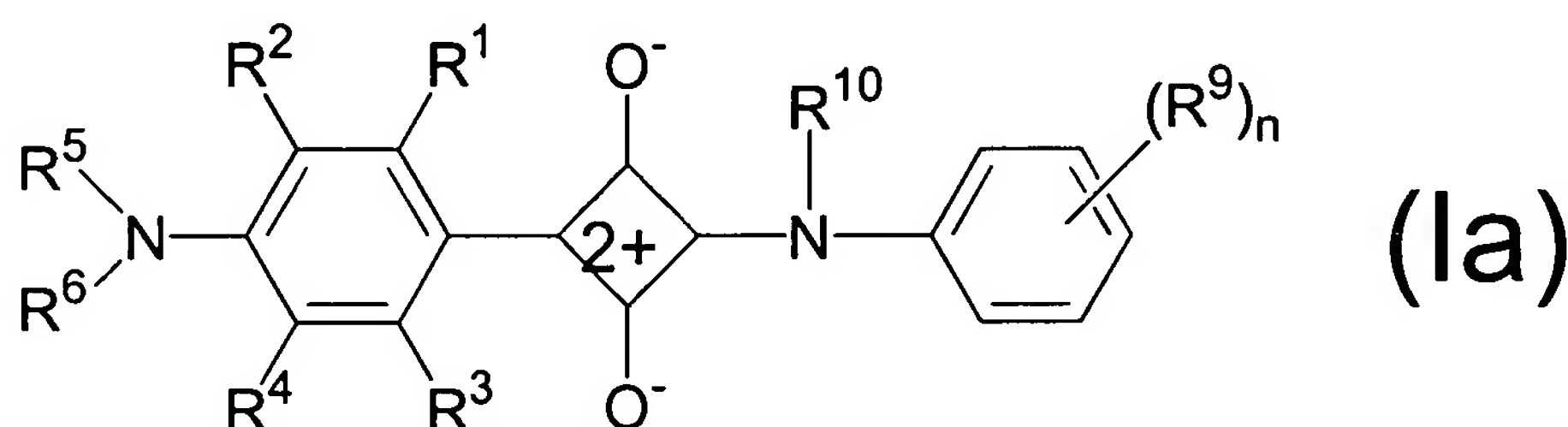
Y represents a group represented by following Formula (D):



(wherein  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  ~~may be the same or different and each represents~~ independently represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl

group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and "p" and "q" ~~may be the same or different and each represents~~ independently represent an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when "p" or "q" is 2 to 4, respective  $R^{11}$ s and respective  $R^{12}$ s may be the same or different)].

2. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by ~~General~~ Formula (Ia):



(wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$ , and "n" are as defined above, respectively and  $R^4$  independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , or  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  may be combined together with adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s);

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> may be combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s), or R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>5</sup>, or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> may be combined together with the adjacent N-C-C to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s);

R<sup>9</sup> represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), -N=N-R<sup>9A</sup> (wherein R<sup>9A</sup> represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); "n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective R<sup>9</sup>s may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R<sup>9</sup>s may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and

R<sup>10</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)).

3. (Currently Amended) The filter for electronic display devices according to claim 2, wherein

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^4$  ~~may be the same or different and are each~~ are independently a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or a hydroxyl group;

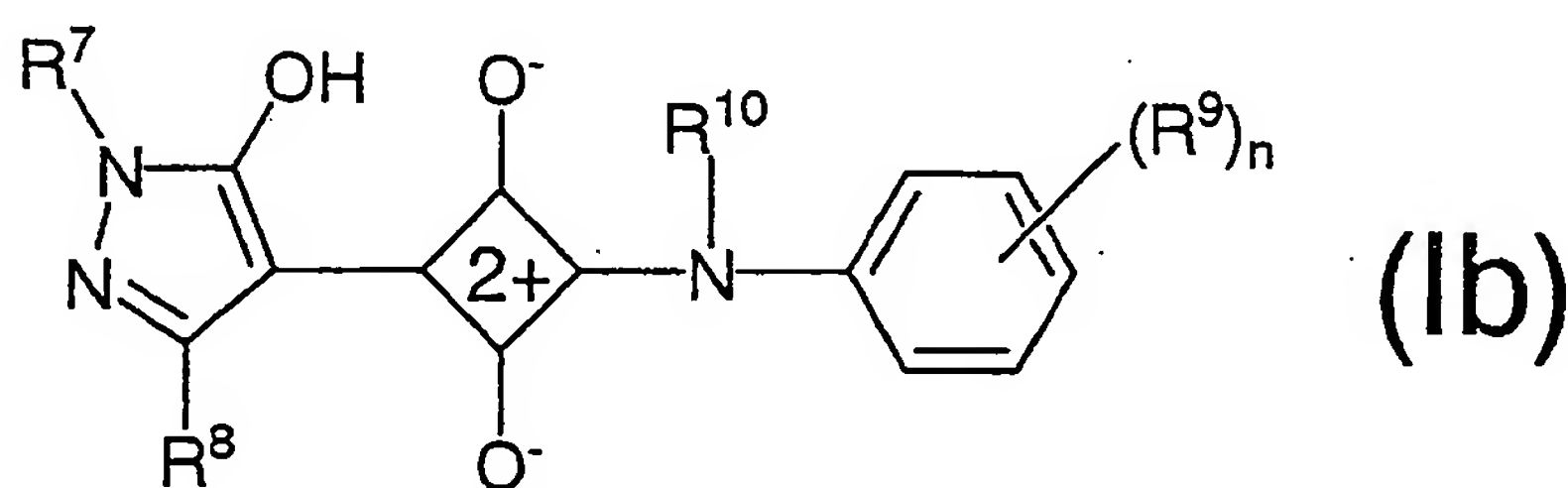
$R^5$  and  $R^6$  ~~may be the same or different from and are each~~ are independently an alkyl group;

$R^9$  is an alkyl group or an alkoxy group;

$R^{10}$  is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; and

"n" is an integer of 0 to 2.

4. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by General Formula (Ib):



(wherein  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^9$ ,  $R^{10}$ , and "n" ~~are as defined above, respectively~~  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

R<sup>9</sup> represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), -N=N-R<sup>9A</sup> (wherein R<sup>9A</sup> represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

R<sup>10</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and

"n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective R<sup>9</sup>s may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R<sup>9</sup>s may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s)).

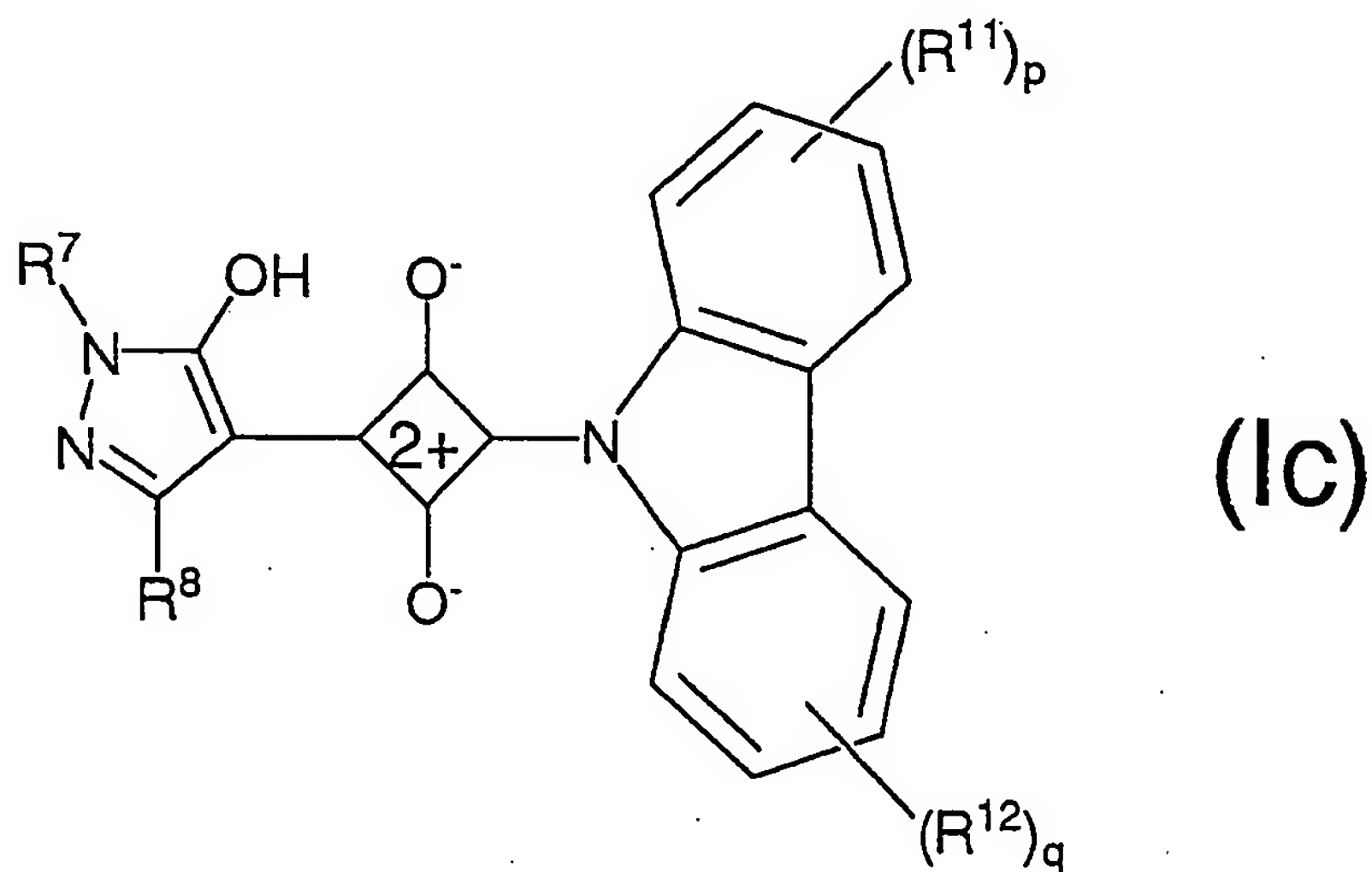
5. (Currently Amended) The filter for electronic display devices according to claim 4, wherein R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> ~~may be the same or different and~~ are independently an alkyl group or an aryl group;

R<sup>9</sup> is an alkoxyl group, an amino group having substituent(s), or -N=N-R<sup>9A</sup> ~~(wherein R<sup>9A</sup> is as defined above);~~

R<sup>10</sup> is a hydrogen atom; and

"n" is an integer of 0 to 2.

6. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by General Formula (Ic):



(wherein  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ , "p", and "q" are as defined above, respectively  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

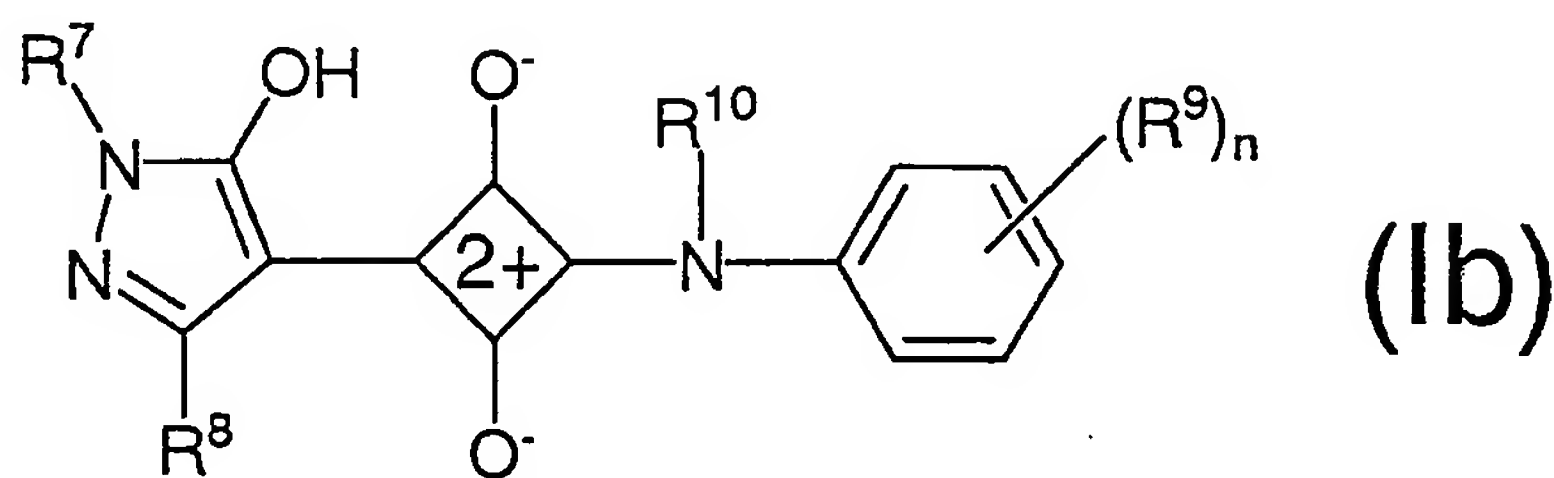
$R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  independently represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and



"p" and "q" independently represent an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when "p" or "q" is 2 to 4, respective R<sup>11</sup>s and respective R<sup>12</sup>s may be the same or different).

7. (Currently Amended) The filter for electronic display devices according to claim 6, wherein R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> ~~may be the same or different and~~ are independently each an alkyl group; and "p" and "q" are 0.

8. (Currently Amended) A squarylium compound represented by ~~General~~ Formula (Ib):



(wherein ~~R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, and "n" are as defined above, respectively~~ R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and

R<sup>9</sup> represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro

group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), -N=N-R<sup>9A</sup> (wherein R<sup>9A</sup> represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

R<sup>10</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and

"n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective R<sup>9</sup>s may be the same or different, or further adjacent two R<sup>9</sup>s may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s)).

9. (Currently Amended) The squarylium compound according to claim 8, wherein R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> ~~may be the same or different and are each~~ are independently an alkyl group or an aryl group;

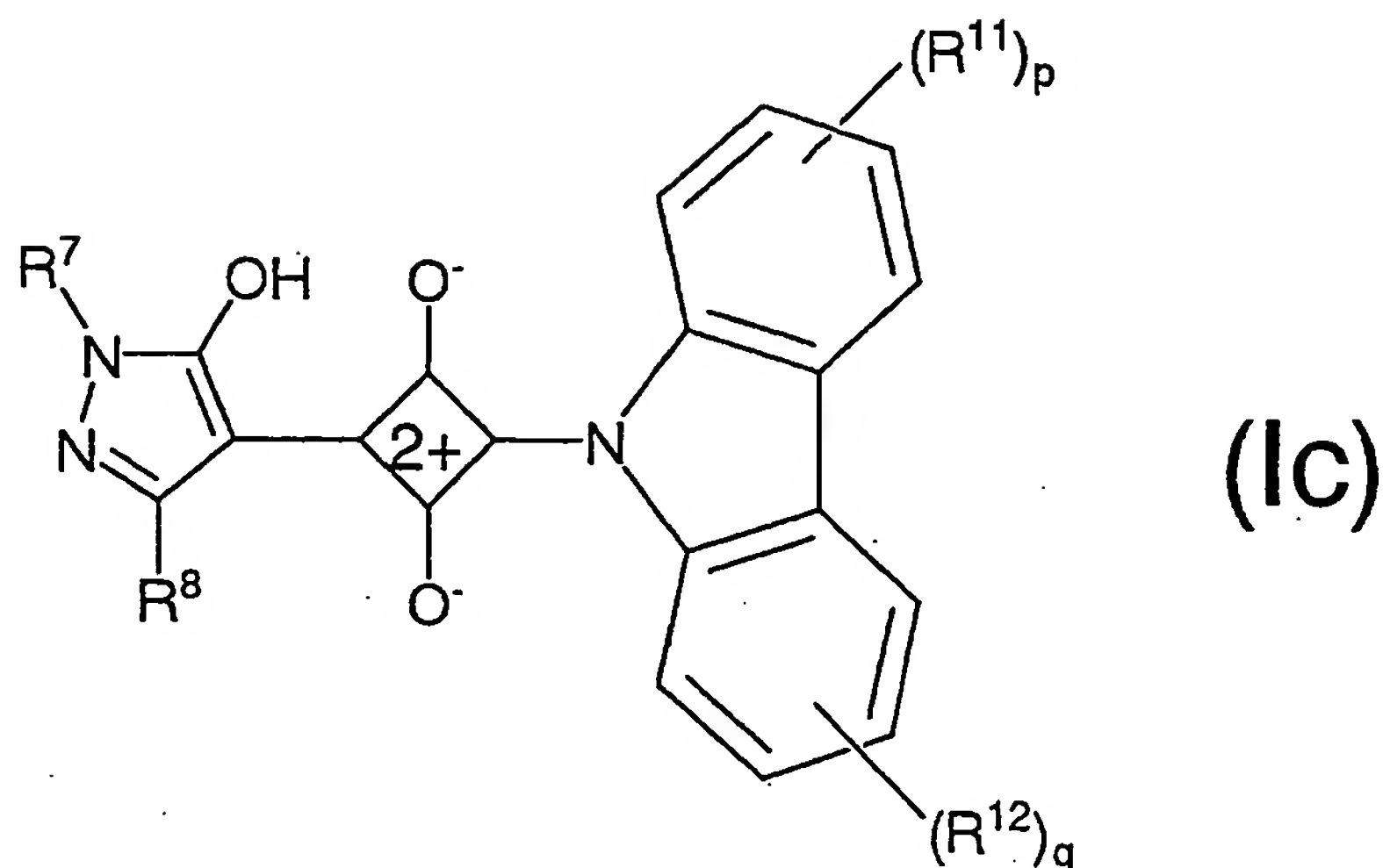
R<sup>9</sup> is an alkoxy group, an amino group having substituent(s), or -N=N-R<sup>9A</sup> ~~(wherein R<sup>9A</sup> is as defined above);~~

R<sup>10</sup> is a hydrogen atom; and

"n" is an integer of 0 to 2.

10. (Currently Amended) A squarylium compound represented by General

Formula (Ic):



(wherein  $R^7$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^{11}$ ,  $R^{12}$ , "p", and "q" are as defined above, respectively  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s);

$R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  independently represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and

"p" and "q" independently represent an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when "p" or "q" is 2 to 4, respective  $R^{11}$ 's and respective  $R^{12}$ 's may be the same or different).

11. (Original) The squarylium compound according to claim 10, wherein  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  may be the same or different and are each an alkyl group; and "p" and "q" are 0.